

1 SENATE BILL NO. 27

2 INTRODUCED BY B. HAWKS

3 BY REQUEST OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
6 BIENNIALLY REPORT TO THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
7 CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR; AMENDING SECTION 5-5-227, MCA;
8 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12 **Section 1.** Section 5-5-227, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"5-5-227. Revenue and transportation interim committee -- powers and duties -- revenue**
14 **estimating and use of estimates.** (1) The revenue and transportation interim committee has administrative rule
15 review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the department of revenue and
16 the department of transportation and the entities attached to the departments for administrative purposes.

17 (2) (a) The committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session
18 of the legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected
19 to be available for legislative appropriation.

20 (b) The committee may prepare for introduction during a special session of the legislature in which a
21 revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of projected revenue. The
22 revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special session under 5-3-101.

23 (3) The committee's estimate, as introduced in the legislature, constitutes the legislature's current
24 revenue estimate until amended or until final adoption of the estimate by both houses. It is intended that the
25 legislature's estimates and the assumptions underlying the estimates will be used by all agencies with
26 responsibilities for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes.

27 (4) The department of transportation shall biennially report to the committee on measures that conserve
28 energy in the transportation sector, including conservation measures specific to city street design. Each biennial
29 report must document the progression of the department's efforts over time to conserve energy in the
30 transportation sector.

~~(4)~~(5) The legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the committee. The committee may request the assistance of the staffs of the office of the legislative fiscal analyst, the legislative auditor, the department of revenue, and any other agency that has information regarding any of the tax or revenue bases of the state."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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